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Mr. Pandit J. C. Chatterji
India Academy of America
200 West 57th Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Chatterji:

I have been in correspondence with Dr. Coomaraswamy concerning someone who could help me decipher some inscriptions found on pieces of silver wire money from Ceylon.. We have about 800 of these, many in sanskrit and Persian which I have worked out, a few in Tamil and several in some other alphabets I am unacquainted with. Also there are a great many that appear to have designs on them. Possibly someone familiar with Sinhalese art might be able to interpret some of these designs. Could you yourself help me in this work or if not could you advise me of anyone in New York who might be able to? I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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April 15, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

With respect to your letter of April 11, suggesting that I might be able to help decipher some writings on silver money from Ceylon, I must say that I do not feel I could be useful to you in this work. My own activities lie altogether outside the field of numismatics; moreover, I do not know Tamil, nor am I acquainted with Sinhalese art.

I shall try to find someone who can help you in this task, and shall write you again on the matter. Meanwhile, if you can provide me with more information, it will be useful in finding the properly qualified person.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Chatterji

J. C. CHATTERJI,
Director.

April 18, 1932.

Mr. J. C. Chatterji
India Academy of America
200 West 57th Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Chatterji:

Your letter of April 15th at hand and I trust that you will be able to find somebody who can help me out. I am herewith enclosing sketches of a few of the designs and inscriptions on these pieces that I cannot make out. I trust you will be able to find someone who can give me some help. I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

HW:JG

Curator